

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request continued examination of this application as amended. Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 16-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, and 16-17 have been amended.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 4-5, and 17-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,543,773; hereinafter, "Evans") in view of Lauffer et al. (U.S. 6,542,379; hereinafter, "Lauffer"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections.

Claim 1 as amended sets forth a package comprising a plurality of wires coupling a plurality of traces on a substrate to form *a coil to electrically isolate at least two circuit components* and a resistor coupled to the coil. The Examiner argued in the final Office Action that Evans discloses an inductor/transformer package comprising a coil, but fails to disclose a resistor. The Examiner further cited Lauffer to argue that Lauffer "discloses a coil structure [figures 2A-2C] comprising conducting coils [62, 74] coupled to a resistor [76] on the same surface of a substrate [64]" (Office Action, p. 3, lines 4-5). Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner.

Regarding Evans, the patent does not disclose a coil to electrically isolate at least two circuit components. Evans merely discloses a coil acting as *an electrical transformer* (Evans, col. 10, lines 62-64; Figure 22). Moreover, Lauffer does not even mention a coil. According to Lauffer, the objects 62 and 74 in Figures 2A-2C are *copper conductors, not coils* as asserted by the Examiner in the final Office Action (Lauffer, col. 7, lines 11-14). Therefore, a combination of Evans and Lauffer fails to disclose every element in claim 1 as amended. For at least this reason, claim 1 is patentable over Evans in view of Lauffer. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection.

Furthermore, Evans is directed to electrical power transformers and inductors for application in switch-mode power supplies (Evans, col. 1, lines 7-14). Evans does not disclose a package as asserted by the Examiner. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the

art would not be motivated to look into Evans to come up with the package set forth in claim 1. Moreover, Lauffer merely discloses a resistor (Lauffer, Figures 2A-2C; col. 7, lines 9-21). Lauffer does not disclose, suggest, or imply coupling the resistor to a coil in a package. In fact, Lauffer does not even mention a coil as discussed above. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not have been motivated to combine Lauffer with Evans to come up with the package set forth in claim 1. For at least this reason, claim 1 is patentable over Evans in view of Lauffer. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4-5, and 18 depend from claim 1, and therefore, claims 2, 4-5, and 18 are patentable over Evans in view of Lauffer for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections.

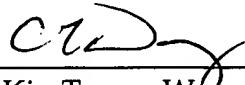
For at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1, claims 16 and 17 are patentable over Evans in view of Lauffer. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendments and the remarks and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicant submits that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 16-18 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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